(iv) Intensifying patrolling on the border area on vehicles, horse, camel and boats;

(v) Construction and manning of more number of Out Post Towers;

(vi) Use of modern gadgets and Night Vision Devices to check infiltration;

(vii) Upgradation of intelligence network; and

(viii) Conduct of frequent coordination meeting with local people and government agencies.

Seven point programme to meet ISI challenges in the North East

1141. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in a recent meeting held with Chief Ministers of North-Eastern States, a seven-point programme to meet the challenges of ISI activities in the country has been chalked out;

(b) whether it has been decided to constitute a task force for the purpose; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard and the concrete steps proposed to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) Government has held a series of discussions at different fora to consider how the ISI threat to the internal security environment can be scotched. But no joint meeting of Chief Ministers of North-Eastern States has been held for this purpose.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Illegal migration of Bangladeshis

1142. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Bangladeshi nationals who illegally migrated to India;

(b) the number out of them deported to their native country, so far;

(c) by when the remaining would be leported; and

(d) whether Government propose to fence the border to stop illegal migration of these nationals?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) to (c) The identification/interception/apprehension of unauthorised Bangladeshi migrants and their deportation to Bangladesh is an on-going process. It is difficult to estimate the exact number of infiltrators from Bangladesh because they enter surreptitiously and are able to mingle easily with the local population due to ethnic and linguistic similarities.

(d) Sanction to fence 896 kms. of Indo-Bangladesh border in selected sensitive stretches has been accorded.

Terrorist activities in Kutch

1143. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Kutch district in Gujarat is a border area where terrorist activities are being encouraged from across the border;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures to curb this menace?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) to (c) There are some inputs to indicate that after fencing on Punjab and Rajasthan borders, the attention of Pak agencies have shifted towards Gujarat border especially the creek and coastal areas and they are making efforts to activate smugglers and carriers at Badin & Diplo opposite Bhuj. To overcome the problem, BSF troops are on alert so as to check any infiltration or any other anti-India activities. BSF has taken the following steps in this regard:—

(i) Deployment of more troops, sanctioned by Govt. under the expansion plan, and thereby reducing inter BOP gaps for better border management and vigilance;

(ii) Out Posts, patrolling and naka duties have been intensified;